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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN PARAGUAY

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN PARAGUAY. A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.
AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES -- PARAGUAY
I. PROMOTION OF INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
-- CONTINUE TO URGE RESPECT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.
-- CONTINUE TO MAKE THE CASE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUD-
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ING RIGHTS FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS) SUCH AS FAIR AND SPEEDY TRIALS, AND EXPANDED POLITICAL AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE IN PARAGUAY'S BEST INTEREST-
-- CONTINUE UNPUBLICIZED REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE IS A USG OR PUBLIC INTEREST.
-- INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON ALLEGED

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VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
-- FOLLOW THROUGH IF NECESSARY TO SEE THAT THE VISIT TO PARAGUAY BY THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MATERIALIZES AS AGREED.

-- -ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOP AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE GROUPS (INCLUDING THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND CHURCH GROUPS) WHO ARE SEEKING AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE GOP'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INDIANS.

II. MAINTENANCE OF GOP'S SUPPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
-- CONSULT WITH GOP OFFICIALS ON MULTINATIONAL ISSUES, WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS ON KEY ISSUES.
-- ENCOURAGE GOP TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DEFINING AND NEGOTIATING ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD, BASED ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.
-- ENCOURAGE GOP TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITIONS ON MULTI-LATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.
-- ENCOURAGE PARAGUAYAN AWARENESS OF THE IFI'S AND THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR FUNDING DEPENDS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

III. CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL
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-- SEEK CONTINUED COOPERATION AND INCREASED GOP NARCO-TICS CONTROL ACTIVITY AND GREATER EFFICIENCY THROUGH TRAINING OF PARAGUAYAN NARCOTICS INVESTIGATORS.

-- MAKE DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS SHOULD HARD EVIDENCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING BY TOP LEVEL PARAGUAYANS BE DEVELOPED.

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARAGUAYAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
-- SEEK ACTIVE PROGRAMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND OTHER RESOURCE SERVICES, TO ASSIST PARAGUAY IN ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
-- ENCOURAGE PARAGUAYAN EXPOSURE TO THE U.S. THROUGH USE OF INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

V. PROMOTION OF TRADE TIES WITH PARAGUAY
-- EMPHASIZE THE ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN IDENTIFYING TRADE OPPORTU-NITIES.
-- ASSIST, ADISE AND COUNSEL U.S. INVESTORS IN DEALING WITH THE PARAGUAYAN ECONOMY.

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